



TRNT Stewards Inquiry – Tuesday 26 July, 2016

Stewards today reconvened an adjourned inquiry into the circumstances leading up to the late withdrawal of ABU DHABI from race 7 the “SKY Racing Metric Mile” conducted on the programme of the Darwin Turf Club on Saturday 23 July, 2016. On the day the Stewards ordered the late withdrawal under the provisions of AR8(u) as they could not be satisfied that the gelding was fit to compete after becoming aware that it had received treatment for an abscess to the near hind heel.

After taking evidence on race day from stable representative Gary Kennewell and Club veterinarian Dr J Farebrother, further evidence was taken today via telephone from TRSA licensed trainer Lloyd Kennewell.

In considering the matter Stewards were satisfied that whilst the ice treatment given to ABU DHABI after its arrival on course was inappropriate it was a mitigating factor as it had been recommended by the Club Veterinarian which was in contrast to TRNT Raceday treatment guidelines.

Subsequently Lloyd Kennewell pleaded guilty to a breach of AR140(a)(ii)(b), the specifics being that as the licensed trainer of ABU DHABI he was responsible for the failure of his authorised representative Gary Kennewell to report to the Stewards as soon as practicable that the gelding had an abscess on the near hind heel leading up to it being presented to compete in race 7 at the Darwin Turf Club meeting on Saturday 23 July, 2016.

In assessing the penalty Stewards took into account the following:

1. Whilst not in attendance at the meeting trainer Lloyd Kennewell is ultimately responsible under the rule as the trainer for the actions of his duly authorised representative in presenting his runners to compete
2. Mr Lloyd Kennewell’s training experience and long involvement in the Industry
3. There had been no deliberate attempt to deceive the Stewards
4. The subsequent late withdrawal of ABU DHABI that impacted on wagering of a feature Darwin Carnival race
5. The potential consequences of ABU DHABI competing with a pre existing condition
6. His guilty plea and forthright evidence

Acting under the provisions of AR140(e) the Stewards impose a fine of \$500

Gary Kennewell pleaded guilty to a breach of AR175(k) with the specifics being that as the duly authorised representative of trainer Lloyd Kennewell his conduct in failing to report to the Stewards as soon as practicable that ABU DHABI had an abscess to the near hind heel when the gelding was due to compete in race 7 at the Darwin Turf Club on Saturday 23 July, 2016 led to a breach of AR140(a)(ii)(b).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account factors 3, 4, 5 and 6 as listed above in the decision against Lloyd Kennewell in addition to the following:

1. Mr Gary Kennewell's training experience and long involvement in the Industry
2. His previous breach of AR140(a) in 2013
3. The impact his actions had on the image of racing

Mr Gary Kennewell was subsequently fined the sum of \$1000

David Hensler
TRNT Chairman of Stewards